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SUBJECT: EASTPORT REFINERY

1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

QUESTION PERIOD JUNE 18, 1975:

"MR. ROBERT C COATES (CUMBERLAND-COLCHESTER NORTH):

MR. SPEAKER,I WOULD ASK THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WHETHER HER DEPARTMENT IS MONITORING THE APPLICATIONMADE
BY THE PITTSSTON COMPANY IN THE STATE OF MAINE FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A REFINERY AT EASTPORT,AND WHETHER HER
OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE NEW PROPOSALS THAT HAVE NOW
BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE OF MAINE ENDANGER CANADAIN
FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT AS A RESULT OF THE
USE OF CANADAIN WATERS FOR THE VIABILITY OF THAT REFINERY?
JUST EXACTLY WHERE DOES HER DEPARTMENT STAND IN THIS
REGARD?

"HON. JEANNE SAUVE (MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT): MR.
SPEAKER,WE HAVE BEEN OPPOSED ALL ALONG TO THE TRAFFIC
OF HEAVY OIL TANKERS IN THE HEAD HARBOUR PASSAGE.
THE DECISION BROUGHT DOWN BY THE CANADAIN ENVIRONMENTAL
BOARD LAST WEEK STATES VERY CLEARLY THAT,ALTHOUGH
A PERMIT CAN BE GIVEN FOR TANKERS UP TO 150 TONS TO
BE USED FOR THAT REFINERY, THIS IS CONDITIONAL ON ANY
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PERMIT OR OTHER KIND OF NAVIGATIONAL AID WHICH WOULD

BE FURNISHED BY THE CANADAIN GOVERNMENT.

"MR. COATES: MR. SPEAKER, WOULD THE MINISTER GIVEN AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE WILL BE IF AN APPLICATION WERE TO BE SUBMITTED IN RELATION TO SUCH LICENSING?

"MRS. SAUVE: MR. SPEAKER, OUR POSITION WAS AND STILL IS THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO HEAVY TANKER TRAFFIC IN THESE WATERS BECAUSE WE FEEL THIS WOULD BE DAMAGING TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE IMPORTANT FISHERY RESOURCES IN THAT AREA."

2.COMMENT: EMBOFF CAN CONFIRM THAT HANSARD'S TEXT HAS MISPRINTED MME. SAUVE'S COMMENT; SHE IN FACT SAID "150,000 TONS" AND WAS REFERRING TO THE MAIN ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD, NOT THE "CANADAIN ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD" IN HER STATEMENT.

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